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They are re-organizing the state agency doing Class II. That feels good.

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## **WEEKLY REPORT**

### **Region 9**

### **Environmental Protection Agency**

**Week of August 28, 2015**

### **Water Division**

#### **Highlight of Past Week**

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**Reorganization of CA DOGGR:** This week, the CA Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources announced a significant re-structuring of their organization. The organizational move was described briefly to EPA by Steve Bohlen in last week's CA UIC update meeting. Bohlen noted that there would be consolidation of existing

Districts, new management units at HQs and in the Districts, and a large number of new staff positions to address DOGGR's ongoing work in several key program areas including well stimulation under SB4, aquifer exemptions, data management, CEQA compliance, and monitoring/assessment. (Albright, 2-3971)

**Mexico Border:** On 8/27 we met in Mexicali with the Director of the Baja regional office of the Mexican National Water Commission (CONAGUA) and the Baja Delegate of Mexico's Secretariat of the Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT). We gave an update on the Border 2020 program and discussed green alternatives to channelization of the Alamar River in Tijuana, transboundary flows in the Tijuana River, and possible appointment of a new co-chair from CONAGUA for the Border 2020 Tijuana Watershed Task Force. We also submitted comments to OWM on the draft IBWC Treaty Minute establishing a binational workgroup to address trash, sediment and other water quality issues in the Tijuana River. (Liden, 5-4763)

### **Drought Related**

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**Tribal Site Visits:** We conducted joint site visits this week with Pechanga, Rincon, San Pasqual, Pauma and Pala Tribes to discuss their Clean Water Act, GAP, Infrastructure and Tribal Drought related program activities. We also met with Indian Health Service staff from the Escondido Area Office to discuss tribal wastewater infrastructure needs and potential future tribal drought projects. (Vanegas, 2-3433)

### **Significant Items for Next Week**

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**Santa Maria watershed pesticides TMDL:** We plan to approve a pesticides TMDL from the Central Coast Regional Water Board for the Santa Maria River watershed. The TMDL provides concentration-based water column numeric targets, additive toxicity numeric targets, sediment numeric targets, and fish tissue numeric targets for several pesticides. Waste load allocations are assigned to municipal storm water programs and load allocations are assigned to nonpoint sources, such as irrigated agriculture and flood control drainages. (Hashimoto, 2-3452)

**Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)**

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**Grant Announcements**

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**Legislative Engagement**

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**Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements**

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**30-60 Day Outlook**

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**Other Information**

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**Acting Division Director's Schedule for the week of August 31st:** Mike Montgomery will be in all

week.

**Internal to Region 9**

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**Confidential Information**

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